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Date: 10/31/95 5:16pm
Subject: VIPONT MINE SITE

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Since then Thomas Miller (current owner) has called me in regards to cleaning up the Vipont Mine site. I have given Mr. Miller, Brent's name and the 536-4100 phone number in regards to obtaining information on voluntary agreements. I have also **emphatically** explained to Mr. Miller that any work performed by the owner to mitigate further potential contamination to the environment around the Vipont Mine site first needs to be approved by DERR (**Miller is noted for saying one thing and doing another**).

I have just received another call from Miller and Mr. Howard Crosby. Crosby is the main officer of Celebration Mine which started to obtain the Vipont through the sheriffs sale that took place earlier this year (Crosby has interest in Royal Silver Mines). Crosby is also interested in trying to curtail any further releases to Birch Creek and the surrounding environment from the Vipont Mine site tailings. They both appear eager to make contact with Brent and start working with DERR (**this language and attitude by Miller is characteristic of his past involvement with other State agencies. My contact with the Idaho, BLM indicates she has received the same language and attitude from Celebration in regards to amending an illegal road widening undertaken by Miller earlier this year. Celebration has not fixed the road**).

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